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February 22, 1937.

Morning Translation

China Evening News of February 21 (editorial) :-

"Atrocious Behaviour Of Italians"

The "more exciting" parts of the film "Abyssinia" were deleted at the second review of the picture. This shows that China did her best to please the aggressive nation. During the screening of this film at the Isis Theatre yesterday, about 100 Italian bluejackets and civilians wrecked the cinema and injured some of the employees and members of the audience.

In our view, this is a demonstration staged by an aggressive nation in Chinese territory and constitutes an insult to the Chinese government and people. It is intolerable. The Chinese people have the right to exhibit their sympathy towards Abyssinia; they also have their reasons to abhor the acts of aggression committed against that country. In all this, the Italian navy or people have no right to interfere.

We hope that our government will immediately lodge a strong protest and demand an apology, the punishment of the persons responsible, and an assurance that acts of this nature will not recur. We also hope that another screening of the film "Abyssinia" will take place at an early date and that more effective measures will be adopted this time to deal with the rowdies of an aggressive nation.

Shun Pao and other local newspapers :-

DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF LIEUT. SHORT.

To-day being the 5th anniversary of the death of Lieut. K.R. MacCawley Short, an American aviator, who was killed in an aerial combat with Japanese aeroplanes during the Shanghai War of January, 1932, local public bodies will hold a memorial meeting to-day and will also detail representatives to visit his tomb at the Hungjao Aerodrome.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY.
No. <u>D 3529</u>
Date <u>21</u> / <u>2</u> / <u>37</u>

February 21, 1937.

Morning Translation.

"Our aim is to support the Government in launching an anti-enemy campaign. We have no other aims whatever. On the next day we called at the Police Bureau and were told that the arrested persons would be released on shop security. On the third day when we went there again with shop security, the Police Bureau refused to receive us. Since then five days have elapsed. Besides making further efforts to secure the release of the detained men, we are seeking public assistance."

Shun Pao and other local newspapers dated Feb. 20:

THE DEATH OF LIEUTENANT SHORT DURING THE SHANGHAI WAR

During the January 28 Incident, Lieutenant Z.R. MacCawley Short, an American aviator, lost his life in a fight with six enemy aeroplanes at Soochow.

Local Chinese officials and people together with Mr. F.V. Wagner, an intimate friend of the deceased, are arranging the holding of a memorial service to Lieutenant Short on Monday next (February 22) at the officer's tomb near the Hungjao Aerodrome. Our country men will also take part in the service to this foreign hero.

No. D 3529

April 11, 1932  
Date 12. 4. 32.

China  
The ~~Shanghai~~ Evening News, dated April 10:-

Memorial Service for the deceased Mr. Short.

Local public bodies are preparing to hold a memorial service tomorrow afternoon for Mr. Short, the deceased American aviator. Mayor Wu Teh Chen and Chinese aviators will be requested to take part in the service.

The public bodies will also erect a memorial to Mr. Short. A certain public body has contributed the sum \$30,000 for this purpose.

The mother and wife of Mr. Short will arrive at Shanghai from America on April 19 and these public bodies are preparing to welcome them on their arrival.



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.	
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE	
C. & S. B. REGISTRY	
Special Branch - S. 2.	Station
V. D. 3529.	
Date May 13, 1932.	
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REPORT

Subject (in full) Departure of Mrs. Elizabeth Short from Shanghai.

Made by P.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by

*SB Pitts*

Mrs. Elizabeth Short, mother of the American aviator who was killed in an air duel during the recent Sino-Japanese imbroglio, left for the United States at noon May 13, 1932, on the s.s. President McKinley.

Some hundred representatives of the Chinese Government and various Chinese Public Bodies, headed by Mr. H.O. Tong, Superintendent of Customs, were present at the Customs Jetty to wish Mrs. Short bon voyage.

Mrs. Short left without incident, no demonstrations in her honour being staged.

*SB Pitts*  
P. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

*File*  
*SB*  
*13.5.32*

## Mrs. Short To Leave For U.S. This Morning

Chinese Government And  
Citizens To Bid  
Bon Voyage

Mrs. Elizabeth Short, mother of the American aviator who lost his life in an airplane battle with Japanese planes over Soochow, will leave for the United States this morning on the S.S. President McKinley, accompanied by her son Edmund. She will leave from the Customs Jetty at 10.30 o'clock.

Representatives of the government and various Chinese public bodies will be present at the Jetty to give Mrs. Short a hearty send-off and bon voyage.

Mrs. Short had tentatively decided to go to Peking on a sightseeing trip but changed her plans and notified the members of the Robert Short Memorial Committee that she would go home directly. The committee notified all bodies concerned yesterday of the time of her departure and asked them to prepare flowers.

Mrs. Short came here on April 18 and since a big crowd of well-wishers was gathered into the Cathay Hotel where she has been staying ever since, being the "nation's guest" for the first time in Chinese history. A large number of Chinese and foreign admirers gathered and warmly welcomed her here the Chinese government and the people.

While here she participated in the funeral ceremony of her son who now lies buried in Chinese soil. She moved to her new apartment in the city of her residence and took a living apartment at Soochow and a "living apartment" the Robert Short Memorial Foundation.

JHR 13/5

May 12, 1932.

Afternoon Translation

MISCELLANEOUS

- ~~(e) Persons who go into business without licences will be punished.~~
- (7) In connection with relief work:
- (a) That the Social Bureau be requested to instruct the landlords ~~and~~ to repair their houses.
- (b) As the refugees cannot always be allowed to remain idle, the Social Bureau be requested to lend money at low interest to refugees to enable them to do business.

Eastern Times and other local newspapers:

MRS. SHORT LEAVES FOR AMERICA ON MAY 13.

*SL, Kense submit report early*

Mrs. Short has cancel the proposed trip to Peiping and will leave Shanghai for America on the President "McKinley" which sails at 11 a.m. May 13. The Various Public Bodies National Salvation Federation has informed the 89 public bodies under its control and the Shanghai Boy Scouts Committee to send representatives to bid farewell to Mrs. Short at the Customs Jetty.

Special Branch SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
Shanghai Municipal Police REGISTRY.

April 24 1932.

No. D. 3529

Date 26.4.32

Commissioner of Police.  
Sir,

Information.

*The remains of Lieut Short  
will be interred at the Aerodrome.*

*W. L. Miners*

Officer i/c Special Branch.

*Integally*

*W. L. Miners*

Diary for Information of Commissioner of Police

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11 a.m. 24/4/32

Agent no.2

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Fifty soldiers of the Tax Police Corps Headquarters arrived at Shanghai South from Kashing at 1.40 p.m. April 23 and left for Asin Lungwa at 8.20 a.m. to-day, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Mr. Robert Short.

It is reported that these soldiers are armed with rifles and will join the cortege at Chungshan Road.

# ROBERT SHORT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

## GENERAL COMMITTEE

H. O. TONG, CHAIRMAN  
S. S. FENG  
H. S. LIANG  
ERNEST MOY  
TUCODORE TU  
GASTON WANG  
T. C. WOO  
L. Y. YUAN

LOY CHANG  
T. W. KWOK  
HERMAN LIU  
T. H. SHEN  
T. P. WANG  
S. Y. WOO  
CHILING YIN  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE	
C. & S. B. REGISTRY	
OFFICE 1331 SINZA ROAD	
TELEPHONE NO. 2222	
No. D	3529
Date	29/4/32

Shanghai, 25th. April 1932.

The Commissioner of Police,  
Shanghai Municipal Council,  
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

I, on behalf of the committee, have the pleasure of tendering you our very many thanks for the invaluable services of the members of your police force rendered during the funeral of the late Colonel Robert Short.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT SHORT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

*H. O. Tong*

(H.O. Tong) Chairman

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*W.B.*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.  
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

C. & S. B. REGISTRY

Special Branch - S. 2. Station

REPORT

Date April 22, 1932.  
D 3529  
221 4 132

Subject (in full) Funeral of the late Lieutenant Robert Short.

Made by P.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by D. J. G. Guesst

The following tentative arrangements have been made by the "Robert Short Memorial Committee" for the funeral of the late Lieut. Robert Short, American aviator killed during the recent Sino-Japanese conflict:-

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday April 24, 1932, at the Moore Memorial Church on Thibet Road. Burial will be at the Hungjao Aerodrome.

Arrangements have been made to accomodate 1000 persons at the funeral service.

At approximately 3 p.m. the funeral procession will proceed on foot from the Moore Memorial Church along Thibet Road into Bubbling Well Road and will continue to Ferry Road where a halt will be called to enable the majority of the mourners to continue to Hungjao in motor-cars. From Ferry Road to the Aerodrome the procession will move via Bubbling Well, Great Western, Chungshan and Hungjao Roads.

I am informed that application has been made by Mr. O.K. Yui of the "Robert Short Memorial Committee" to the Shanghai Municipal Council for the necessary Police assistance and co-operation, and that the order of the procession will be as follows:-

Shanghai Municipal Police Mounted Escort.

Chinese detachment of the Shanghai Municipal Police (if possible)

Shanghai Volunteer Corps - American and Chinese Companies.

Band of the Bureau of Public Safety of Greater Shanghai.

Pall Bearers consisting of 4 Chinese and 4 American aviators.

Honorary Pall Bearers.

Chief Mourners and Officials.

Representatives of the People's Organisations and friends.

Vehicles containing floral tributes.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Station,

Date ..... 19

Subject (in full) .....

Made by .....

Forwarded by .....

Should any other arrangements be made, a further report will  
be submitted.

*ga. Pines*

P. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.



Between  
2 + 3 pm.

Memorial service  
Church in  
Tibet Road

March 24

J. V. Somers

H. O. Taz

will & Dr John Wu  
~~would~~ lecture -

Only persons ~~given~~ <sup>provided</sup>  
admission tickets  
will be allowed to attend.

Between  
3 + 5 pm.

Funeral  
procession -

About 1000 persons  
will attend -  
will travel from Tibet  
Road to Bubbling Well

Divisional OFFICER

93. S. B. REGISTRY

No. D 3529

Date 23. 7. 1932

P.C. divisions

Police were

It is business as welcome to be extended  
 of the station to Mrs. Phant. by a Committee,  
 to find out but knew nothing of details.  
 details of these such a numerous Chinese  
 men amongst boy scouts & Girl Guides &c.  
 their positions at or near  
 the Customs post on the

Had the details or  
 added plan been permitted  
 it would have interfered  
 with the departure of  
 Brigadier General McRaghen

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 Mr  
 27/4 CP

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 W.O.S.

Shanghai Municipal Police  
Headquarters.

Date 21-4-1932.

SC (Discretion)

The report of the Central V.I. is not correct. The Special Branch sent information on the ~~18th~~ 18th again on the 19th & they had timely information. Please return S.P. papers when you are finished with them.

W. G. Searns  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch S.B. .... Station,

REPORT

Date April 21, 1934.

Subject (in full) ..... Arrival of Mrs. Short.

Made by ..... and ..... Forwarded by D.S.I. Everest.

With reference to the endorsement made by the Officer i/c Special Branch on the attached report in connection with the arrival of Mrs. Short, I have to state the following:-

In order to co-operate in measures for the safety and protection of Mrs. Short and the Committee welcoming her, a copy of a report on the subject of the expected arrival of Mrs. Short at noon, April 19, was handed to the D.O. "A" at 5.40 p.m. April 18.

At approximately 11 a.m. April 19 it was ascertained that the s.s. "President Taft", on which Mrs. Short was travelling, was not expected to arrive until 2 p.m. The D.O. "A" was informed immediately and at his request the information was passed to Central Station, the message being taken by Inspector Watson.

*D.S.I. Everest*

D. S. I.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

Q.S.B.

I think you informed  
the station re intended  
reception of Mr. Short.

Is this not so?

Yes  
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Commissioner of Police,

Sir, Yes. I attach a  
report by D.S. I. Everett  
herein.

J. L. Gurneo

O. i/c Sp. St.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Central Police Station,

Date April 20, 1932

Subject (in full) Lack of information where Special Police Supervision  
is required.

Made by and Forwarded by C. I. MacGillivray.

Sir,

I beg to report that no information was received regarding the arrival of Mrs. Short. The only information was obtained from the local Press. At 11 a.m. 19-4-32 a Mr. Wong, member of the Reception Committee called to interview me, regarding the placing of Chinese Boy Scouts in the vicinity of the Customs Jetty. He produced a plan of the proposed arrangements, these arrangements were altered and carried out in accordance with Police instructions.

Regarding the departure of Brigadier General McNaghten, a notification was received from the Traffic Office. On the afternoon of the 18th, previous to this information had been obtained from the North China Daily News. The Traffic Office always notify the Central Station as soon as they receive information. In view of the above lack of advance information the Police should be notified at least 48 hours previously so as arrangements can be made. In many cases the Police have to rely on the Press for their information.

which is frequently very inaccurate  
H.S.

A. G. Davis

Forwarded

A.

Ch. C. Gillivray

D. O. "A"

Chief Inspector in-charge.

Commissioner of Police

A request might be made to organisers of Reception and other social functions on a large scale through the medium of a municipal Notification something on the lines of "Political meetings" Page 35 Handbook of Municipal Information 1931 Edition with this difference A Request instead of an order

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D. C. (Director)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. & S. B. REGISTRY  
Special Branch Station.  
V. D. 3524  
Date APR 11 1932  
Date 20.1.4.32

REPORT

Subject (in full) Arrival of Mrs. Short.

Made by P.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by S.D. Everett

Mrs. Elizabeth Short, mother of Robert Short, American aviator who was killed during the recent Sino-Japanese hostilities, arrived in Shanghai at 1.30 p.m. April 19, 1932 by the s.s. "President Taft" which berthed at the Dollar Pier, Pootung.

A deputation representing the National Government and 66 Public Organisations, and headed by Mr. H.O. Tong, Chairman of the "Robert Short Memorial Committee", welcomed Mrs. Short to China immediately upon her arrival.

Mrs. Short was accompanied by members of the "Committee of Welcome" on the Whangpoo Conservancy Board's tender "Li Pei" to the Customs Jetty, where she was met by the Committees of various local Chinese Organisations. After inspecting a guard-of-honour of Chinese Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Mrs. Short expressed her appreciation of the kindnesses shown her by the Chinese people. She was then driven away to the Cathay Hotel without further incident.

I attach herewith a list showing the names of the members of the "Committee of Welcome" and the bodies which they represent, and a copy of the speech made by Mr. H.O. Tong upon Mrs. Short's arrival.

*20 Pitts.*

P. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

*Commissioner of Police,*

*Sir,*

*Information*

*M. Swain*  
O. i/c Sp. Br.

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*S.D. Please report on arrangements made for co-operation with S.O.A. and Central Station. M.*

List of Members of "Committee of Welcome" to Mrs. Short.

Mr. H.O.Tong, Superintendent of Customs, representing the  
Nationalist Government.

Colonel T.A.Shen, representing Aviation Department.

Mr. Cheung Loy, representing Ministry of Finance.

Mr. O.K.Yui, representing City Government of Greater Shanghai.

Mr. T.H.Kwong, representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Brig.General Theodore Tu, representing the Chinese Army.

Mr. H.S.Liang.

Mr. Y.C.Woo.

Mr. B.Y.Woo.

Mr. Ernest L.K.Loy.)

} representing the "Citizen's Maintenance  
Committee of Shanghai?"

Mr. L.T.Yuan, representing the Chinese Chamber of Commerce,

and

Mesdames Gale, Y.C.Woo, B.Y.Woo, H.S.Liang, Y.C.Wen and Ernest Loy.

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Speech by Mr. H. O. Tong,  
Chairman of Robert Short Memorial Committee.

Mrs. Short,

On behalf of the Government and people of China, which are represented in this group, I have the honour of extending to you a cordial welcome to our country, and to express to you the very deep sense of appreciation which is felt by our nation of the sacrifice which unites our sentiments with yours.

We have come to receive you in the name of our people, and to escort you ashore where a representative gathering waits to welcome you.

The depth of our nation's gratitude will be shown to you during your sojourn amongst us. It is our honour now to be granted the privilege of greeting you upon your arrival to our shores, and to introduce you to a grateful people.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. & S. B. REGISTRY.

REPORT

Special Branch - S. 2 - Station,

No. D 3524

Date April 18, 1932.  
Date 19/4/32

Subject (in full) Arrival of Mrs. Short.

Made by P.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by D.S. Guesst.

In connection with the arrival of Mrs. Short, mother of Robert Short, who was killed whilst flying in a Chinese aeroplane during the recent Sino-Japanese hostilities, I have to report the following:-

Mrs. Short, who is accompanied by her young son, is due to arrive in Shanghai on April 19, 1932, by the s.s. "President Taft", which will berth at the Dollar Wharf at approximately noon on that date.

At 11 a.m., a Customs launch will leave the Customs Jetty containing some fifteen members of the National Government and Public Organisations with the object of welcoming Mrs. Short to Shanghai. This committee of welcome will be headed by Mr. H.O. Tong, Chairman of the "Robert Short Memorial Committee", and will meet the "President Taft" before she berths. The Customs launch is expected to arrive back at the Customs Jetty at noon with Mrs. Short on board.

Some 200 members of various local organisations are expected to congregate within the precincts of the Jetty in order to welcome Mrs. Short, whilst a still larger number will be waiting outside the entrance to the Jetty.

After her arrival Mrs. Short will stay at the Cathay Hotel, Rooms Nos. 633 and 640, where she will be attended by three representatives of the Nationalist Government - one lady and two gentlemen.

No public functions will be held in her honour until after her son's funeral, which has tentatively been fixed for the April 24, 1932.

I attach herewith a newspaper cutting dated April 16, 1932.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

.....Station,

Date.....19

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Subject (in full).....

Made by.....

Forwarded by.....

that bears on the arrival of Mrs. Short.

*W. S.*

F. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

*Commissioner of Police,  
Sir,*

*Information. A copy  
of this report has been given to D. O. "A",  
with whom the Special Branch is  
co-operating in measures for the  
protection of Mrs Short and the  
committee who will welcome her.*

*J. H. Givens*

O. i/c Sp. Br.

APR. 18 1932

*SQ, For further reports in  
due course.*

*W. S.*

## MRS. E. SHORT DUE TUESDAY

### National Delegation to Welcome Guest

Preparations to welcome Mrs. Elizabeth Short and arrangements for her visit while in China have been practically completed by the general committee appointed by the Government recently to look after her arrival and sojourn here.

Mrs. Short, mother of the American aviator Lieut. Robert Short, is travelling on the Dollar liner, President Taft, expected here next Tuesday. Upon her arrival, she will be an official guest of the nation. Lieut. Short, it may be remembered, died in an aerial combat with a Japanese air squadron over Soochow during the recent Sino-Japanese hostilities.

Mrs. Short comes out to China to attend the funeral of her son. Tributes of gratitude from the Government and people of China are to be extended to her. General Wu Te-chan, Mayor of Greater Shanghai and representatives of local public organisations will meet Mrs. Short at the Customs Jetty.

The personnel of the general committee includes: Messrs. H. O. Deag, representing the National Government; General Gaston Wang, the Army; Colonel T. H. Shen, the Aviation Corps; Loy Chang, the Ministry of Finance; T. W. Kwok, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; O. K. Yui, the City Government of Greater Shanghai; T. L. Yuan, R. Y. Wu, Y. C. Woo, E. K. Moy, Robert S. Liang, C. L. Ying, Herman Lien, T. P. Wong and S. S. Heng, representing the various people's organisations of this city. It is announced that representatives of the organisations who are to meet Mrs. Short at the Customs Jetty will be escorted to the Jetty entrance only by officers to be issued by the Robert Short Memorial Committee at its headquarters at 135 Sims Road.

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

To \$2, Shanghai, 18:4: 1932

Please obtain  
details of ~~probable~~  
arrangements to  
welcome  
Mrs. Hurt. Where will  
she land and at  
what time, etc. etc.

*[Signature]*

ACKNOWLEDGED  
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OFFICE: 188 SINZA ROAD  
TELEPHONE NO. 32259

# ROBERT SHORT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN  
LIANG  
ERNEST MOY  
GASTON WANG  
Y. C. WOO  
L. Y. YUAN  
COMMITTEE  
LOY CHANG  
T. W. KWOK  
HERMAN LIU  
Y. H. SHEN  
B. Y. WOO  
CHILING YIN  
O. K. YUI

Shanghai, Apr. 18, 1932

The Commissioner of Police  
Shanghai Municipal Council  
SHANGHAI

Dear Sirs:

Owing to a welcome to be given to Mrs.  
Short at the Customs Jetty on the 19th instant, I, on  
behalf of the Committee, beg to apply to you for a suffi-  
cient police force to preserve order on the Jetty.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

St. D. ang